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LOUIS M. LYONS, "Backgrounds" at 6:45 P.M. over WOBB-TV (Boston)

THE TV SCREEN SHOWED MR. LYONS AS HE SAT IN THE STUDIO NEWSROOM WITH HIS GUEST, MR. ERWIN D. CANHAM, OPPOSITE HIM AT THE DESK.

ANNOUNCER: "Now for a special Backgrounds program; here is Mr. Lyons with tonight's guest, Erwin D. Canham, editor of the CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR, and one of the 77 Americans who attended last night's White House dinner in honor of Soviet Premier and Mrs. Nikita Khrushchev."

LYONS: "Erwin, our spies reported that you were the only newspaperman at this White House dinner for Khrushchev last night. It is very good of you to respond and come down and give us a little pipeline to Khrushchev. Now I know you were there officially as President of the United States Chamber of Commerce -- that's an organization we don't recognize in journalistic terms, so from our point of view you were a newspaperman, and I am sure you saw something to report."

CANHAM: "It was an historic occasion, I don't have to say, moving and very tense. The meeting in the White House between the President of the United States and the Premier of the Soviet Union was itself a very, very, thrilling occasion. I must say I felt as if I were present at one of the great moments of our time."

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CANHAM: "If you are lucky, you will have interesting and pleasant ladies on your right and your left and gentlemen beyond them. I was very lucky and my wife was very lucky. I sat directly across from Allen Dulles and Lyndon Johnson. Down on my right beyond my immediate neighbor, a lady, was Keith Funston, the head of the stock exchange. So what with Allen Dulles and Lyndon Johnson -- "

LYONS: "One of you might have gotten some tips -- "

CANHAM: "Yes, I'm not sure that stock market tips are very good these days. But at any rate we had a nice time and the ladies were very pleasant. But the main thing that I am coming to is that during the dinner you could stare over at the President and Mr. Khrushchev and the guests of honor and you can draw some inferences as to whether they are enjoying their dinner and how much they are talking. My wife was happy enough to be seated between Milton Eisenhower on the one hand and Oleg Troyanovsky, Khrushchev's interpreter, on the other and she had a very good time. After dinner there were toasts -- then we got up and the ladies went in one room and the men in another. Then comes the chance when many of the rank and file of the men guests can have some words with the guest of honor."

LYONS: "Was there an interpreter there all the time?"

CANHAM: "Yes; between the President and Mr. Khrushchev was one interpreter; that was our State Department interpreter. And another interpreter was on